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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MFA ON DONORS CONF, CEASEFIRE AND  
RECONCILIATION TALKS

Classified By: Minister-Counselor William R. Stewart

Reasons: 1.4 (B) and (D)

1.(C) Summary. MFA Director for Palestinian Affairs Yasser Osman reviewed preparations for the March 2 Gaza reconstruction conference, as well

2.(SBU) Osman said that the March 2 donors conference will be largely political in nature, and that a follow-on Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meetin

3.(SBU) In addition to the co-chairs, Osman said that there will be five "co-sponsors": Saudi Arabia, the European Commission, Italy, France ar

4.(C) Osman said the Egyptians understand that Gaza reconstruction cannot be a "haphazard process," and that the GOE agrees with the Europeans

5.(S) Osman was reasonably optimistic that Egypt would secure a Hamas-Israel ceasefire in the next week. He attributed his optimism to the incr

6.(S) Palestinian reconciliation continues to be a challenge, according to Osman. He worried that, even if Egypt were able to facilitate some s

7.(C) Osman said that the Egyptians were also using donor assistance for Gaza reconstruction as a carrot for Hamas. He said that Hamas leaders